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1. The General Shipping Administration has for its March 1953 goal the transportation of 1,220,000 tons of cargo. Bookings so far amount to only 830,000 tons. It is not clear to the responsible officials where the rest will come from.
2. During March 1953, 50,000 tons of corn from Rumania are booked for delivery.
3. There have been 8,750 tons of soy beans from the Soviet Union unloaded at Szczecin (Stettin) for further transport to Velten-Magdeburg and Wittenberge. There have also been 5,400 tons of wheat from the Soviet Union discharged at Szczecin, destined for Dresden and Riesa.
4. A requisition has been made on the East German Shipping Management (GDS) for cargo space for the transportation of boilers to the Soviet Union. The dimensions of the space required are about 11 meters long by 6.5 meters wide. It is believed, from the dimensions, that these are boilers for 300 hp steam engines.

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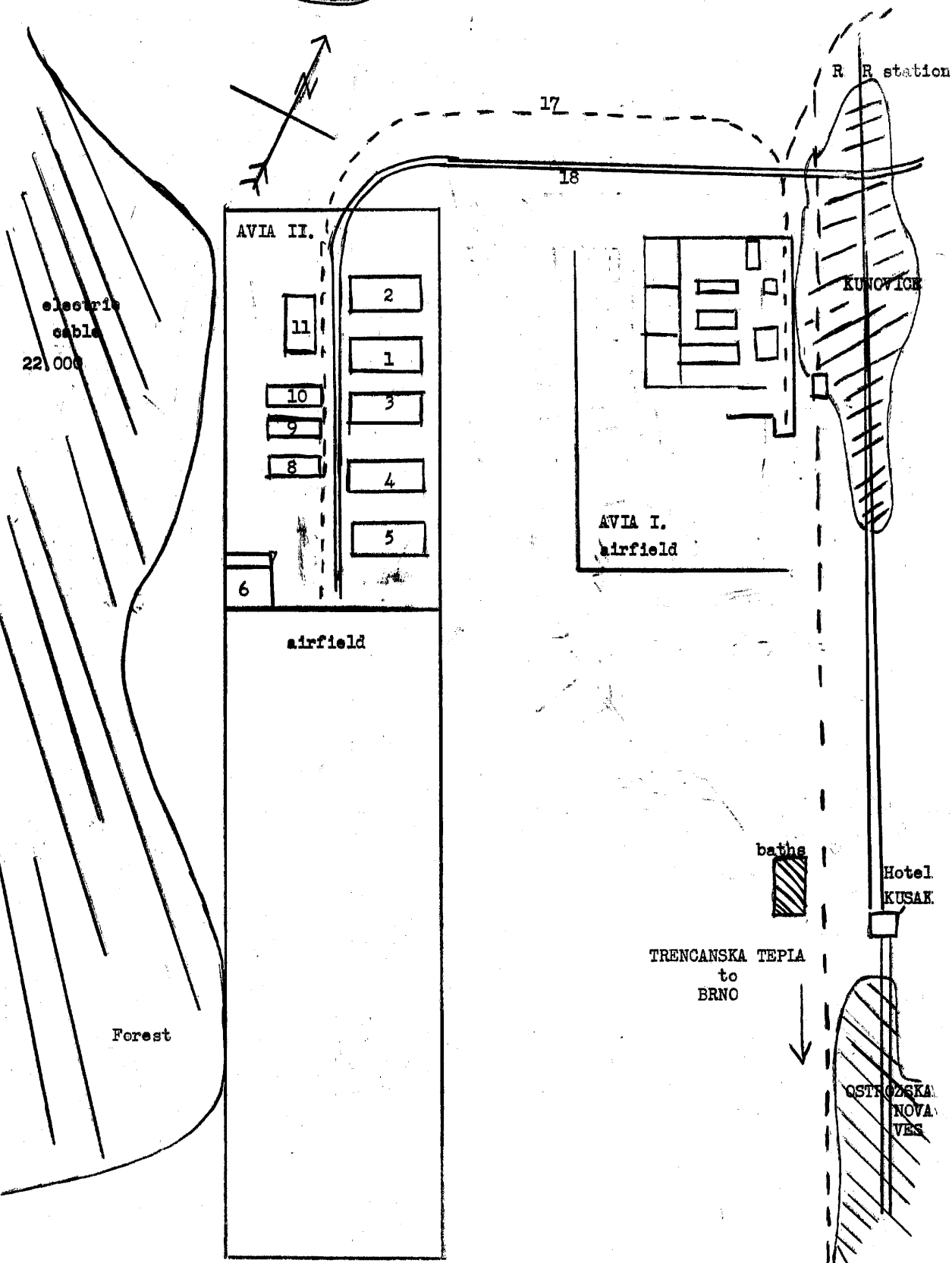
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5. About 200 political prisoners are housed in Building No. 8. They are required to do the heaviest manual work and are guarded by about 15 uniformed prison guards and about 10 civilian Communists. There are guard-towers at each corner of the building site and the civilian guards patrol the fences. The prisoners are treated comparatively well, but they have to work hard. They are not allowed to speak to civilian employees of the plant.
6. The Prumstav construction firm's branch at Vsetin (P 50/0 43) is in charge of the work of building Plant No. 2. Milos Kovarik, a former owner of a private construction firm which was nationalized, is at the head of this organization. He is an expert builder and, although only a lukewarm Communist, is unpopular. Construction is supervised by Ing. J. Gajda, a non-Communist who is employed directly by Let. He is about 40, a decent man, and able to hold his job only because of his expert knowledge. The building employees number from 600 to 700.
7. The construction site is guarded by the works militia, which consists of about 15 men employed at Let Plant No. 2 and who serve in shifts of three men each. Their commander is Frantisek Joch, a one-eyed former blacksmith who works closely with the StB at Uherske Hradiste. A pass is required for admission to the plant.
8. Building No. 9 is the employee's mess hall, with tables for from 600 to 700 people. The kitchen employs about 10 people.
9. Building No. 10 houses offices. In one half of it are about 35 employees of Let Plant No. 2; in the other half are about 60 clerks of the Prumstav construction organization.
10. Building No. 11 is a well built storehouse. The floor has been elevated to the height of a loading ramp. The roof is of concrete blocks 1.5 m. high, supported by pillars. It will be used for storing airplane parts.
11. Buildings Nos. 12 and 13 are temporary wooden huts. No. 12 is used as a joiner's shop where desks and chairs for the factory are made. No. 13 is a technical office with storage space for iron bars, pipe and various other iron items. A small locksmith's shop is also located in that building.
12. Building No. 14 is the porter's wooden lodge, consisting of two rooms which house the militia.
13. Building No. 15 is a low masonry house, 20 by 100 meters in size, formerly a storehouse for cement but completely empty at the latest date of observation.
14. A single-track branch railroad line three kilometers long connects Let Plants Nos. 1 and 2 and a road was built in 1952 giving access to Plant No. 2 from Kunovice.
15. Another airfield is planned but work has not begun on it. Two concrete runways 50 m. wide and three kilometers long are to be built.

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about 800 m

AVIA II -
 factory and airfield

1. Hall (finished)
- 2., 3., 4., 5., Halls
 (under construction)
6. Boiler-house
7. Transformer station
8. Billetting of political
 prisoners
9. kitchen
10. offices
11. storehouse
- 12., 13., temporary workshops
14. porter's lodge
15. storehouse of cement
16. airfield
17. Railroad line
18. road.

watch-towers

No. 16 does not appear
 on the sketch.

1.5 km.